

REFERRAL GUIDELINES

Recommended Timing for Transplant Consultation



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Intent of guidelines

These guidelines identify appropriate timing of consultation for autologous or allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation (HCT) based on disease characteristics.

In many situations, early referral is a critical factor for optimal transplant outcomes. Likewise, delays in referral can reduce success rates for transplant because there may be a narrow window of opportunity to proceed to transplant and delays might preclude transplant altogether. Research data comparing outcomes by disease status can be found at BeTheMatchClinical.org/HCTtiming.

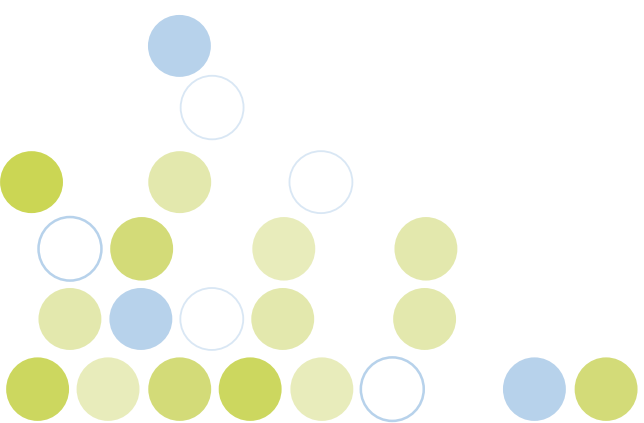
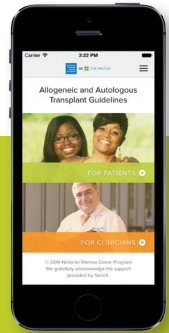
If allogeneic transplant is a possibility, HLA typing of the patient (high resolution) and potential family donors should be completed early after diagnosis, and if no matches are found, a preliminary unrelated donor search of the Be The Match Registry® should be done.

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Adult Leukemias and Myelodysplasia

Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)

High resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

Early after initial diagnosis, all AML patients including:

- CR1—except favorable risk AML [defined as: t(16;16), inv 16, or t(8;21) without c-KIT mutation; t(15;17); normal cytogenetics with NPM1 or biallelic CEBPA mutation and without FLT3-ITD]
- Antecedent hematological disease (e.g., myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS))
- Treatment-related leukemia
- Primary induction failure or relapse
- Presence of minimal residual disease after initial or subsequent therapy
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

High resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

Early after initial diagnosis, all ALL patients including:

- CR1
- Primary induction failure or relapse
- Presence of minimal residual disease after initial or subsequent therapy
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated

Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

Any intermediate or high IPSS or IPSS-R score

Any MDS with poor prognostic features, including:

- Treatment-related MDS
- Refractory cytopenias
- Adverse cytogenetics
- Transfusion dependence
- Failure of hypomethylating agents

Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML)

- Inadequate hematologic or cytogenetic response to tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapies
- Disease progression
- Intolerance to TKI therapies

- Accelerated phase
- Blast crisis (myeloid or lymphoid)

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

- High-risk cytogenetics or molecular features (e.g., del(11q) or del(17p); ZAP70, CD38 positivity; unmutated Ig VH mutational status)
- Poor initial response
- Short initial remission
- Chemotherapy-resistant
- Richter's transformation

Multiple Myeloma

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- All patients after initiation of therapy
- At first progression

Pediatric Acute Leukemias and Myelodysplasia

Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)

High resolution HLA typing is recommended at diagnosis for all patients

Early after initial diagnosis, all AML patients including:

- CR1—except favorable risk AML (defined as: t(16;16); inv 16; t(8;21); t(15;17); normal cytogenetics with NPM1 or biallelic CEBPA mutation and without FLT3-ITD)
- Primary induction failure or relapse
- Monosomy 5 or 7
- Age <2 years at diagnosis
- Treatment-related leukemia
- Presence of minimal residual disease after initial or subsequent therapy
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

- Infant at diagnosis
- High-risk CR1 including:
 - Philadelphia chromosome positive
 - WBC >100,000 at diagnosis
 - 11q23 rearrangement
- Primary induction failure
- Presence of minimal residual disease after initial or subsequent therapy
- First relapse
- CR2 and beyond, if not previously evaluated

Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)

- At diagnosis for all subtypes

Lymphomas

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Follicular

- Poor response to initial treatment
- Initial remission duration <12 months
- First relapse
- Transformation to diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

Diffuse Large B-Cell or High-Grade Lymphoma

- Primary induction failure
- CR1 for patients with high or high-intermediate IPI risk
- At first relapse
- CR2 or subsequent remission
- Double hit (MYC and BCL-2 or BCL-6)—after initiation of therapy

Mantle Cell

- After initiation of therapy

Other High Risk Lymphomas

- After initiation of therapy

Hodgkin Lymphoma

- Primary induction failure
- At first or subsequent relapse
- CR2 or subsequent remission

Other Malignant Diseases

Germ cell tumors

- Poor initial response
- Short initial remission

Myeloproliferative Disorders (including BCR-ABL-negative myeloproliferative neoplasms, myelofibrosis and later stages of polycythemia vera and essential thrombocytosis)

Intermediate or high-risk disease including:

- High-risk cytogenetics
- Poor initial response or at progression

Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML)

- At diagnosis

Neuroblastoma

- Short initial remission
- Poor initial response or at progression

Ewing family of tumors

- Metastatic disease at diagnosis
- First relapse or CR2

Medulloblastoma

- First relapse or CR2

Non-Malignant Disorders

Immune Deficiency Diseases (including Severe Combined Immunodeficiency syndromes, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, Omenn syndrome, X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome, Kostmann syndrome)

- At diagnosis

Inherited Metabolic Disorders (including Hurler's syndrome, adrenoleukodystrophy, and others)

- At diagnosis

Hemoglobinopathies

Transfusion-Dependent Thalassemias

- At diagnosis

Sickle Cell Disease

- With aggressive course (stroke, end-organ complications, frequent pain crises)

Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH)

- At diagnosis

Severe Aplastic Anemia and other marrow failure syndromes (including Fanconi anemia, Diamond-Blackfan anemia, and others)

- At diagnosis

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